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aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate ceases. Senator Wickersham, you are recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, again I'm going to urge you to support the committee amendments. The committee amendments, based on the analysis that was conducted by Revenue Committee staff, by persons from Senator Coordsen's staff, with the assistance of individuals from the university and from the Property Tax Administrator's Office shows what the potential effects will be if we adopt the committee amendments and then adopt the bill, as substantially modified by the committee amendments. Now, as I've indicated earlier, that does produce what I would characterize as some inequities across the state. But I am willing and will support the committee amendments, and after that would not support the bill. But, clearly, it is preferable to have the bill in the form of the committee amendments as to the green copy if...if it is to advance. The committee amendments make substantial changes, many of them for the better, in my estimation, so I'm going to ask that you support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, items for the record. Members, before we move on for the items for the record, I have an announcement that I made, I have alluded to to several groups, after meeting with the Appropriations Committee yesterday. I'm going to change the legislative calendar making Friday, March 8th, a recess day.